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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masanobu ASAOKA, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/944,071) Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: September 4, 2001)
For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE-)
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SAME AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING SUCH) March 22, 2002
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Director, the Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed
to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of
the listed documents are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-
English documents may be found in the specification at pages 3
and 4. (Some of the U.S. documents are mentioned on pages 3 and

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30 of the specification.) Applicants have obtained English language computer database abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies. English language counterparts, where readily available, are also enclosed and listed on the Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/945,763	09/05/2001	1771	pending
09/960,417	09/24/2001	1771	pending

A copy of each of these applications is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

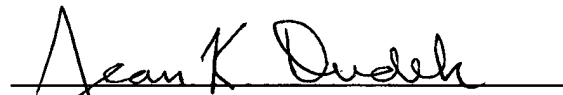
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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	4,202,870	05/13/1980	Weber et al.	423	630	
	4,242,271	12/30/1980	Weber et al.	260	448	
	4,879,166	11/07/1989	Misuda et al.	428	212	
	5,104,730	04/14/1992	Misuda et al.	428	304.4	
	5,264,275	11/23/1993	Misuda et al.	428	304.4	
	5,576,088	11/19/1996	Ogawa et al.	428	327	
	5,912,071	06/15/1999	Takeshita et al.	428	304.4	

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DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT	
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JP 56-157 A	01/06/1981	Japan			Abstract	
JP 2-276670 A	11/13/1990	Japan			Abstract	
JP 4-37576 A	02/07/1992	Japan			Abstract	
JP 5-32037 A	02/09/1993	Japan			Abstract and U.S. Counterpart	
JP 7-117335 A	05/09/1995	Japan			Abstract	
JP 8-118790 A	05/14/1996	Japan			Abstract and U.S. Counterpart	
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	6,174,056 B1	01/16/2001	Sakaki et al.	347	100	
	6,200,670 B1	03/13/2001	Hosoi et al.	428	212	

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JP 10-94754	04/14/1998	Japan			Abstract and U.S. Counterpart
JP 10-129112	05/19/1998	Japan			Abstract
JP 11-1060	01/06/1999	Japan			Abstract and U.S. Counterpart

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